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**Identify and Unite the Allred Family Through Gathering,
Storing and Sharing Information**



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New AFO Web Site

The Allred Family Organization has a brand new Web site. After several months of planning and discussions, our new Web site is "on the net." The address is still www.allredfamily.org.

Our goal is to make this site a place where AFO members can share and exchange information about the family such as copies of original documents, family photos and information that has not been easily available before.

When you visit the new AFO Web site, you will notice the fresh new look. Each state and/or regional representative member of the board of directors has his/her own page full of information about Allreds in his/her area. Copies of William, Thomas, Solomon and John's wills and estate records are posted along with copies of some of their original land records and more are posted every week. Stories about family branches contain family photos whenever possible.

There are sections for the "mystery Allreds," "missing links," and AFO "stuff to buy." In addition, Teri Cochran Allred is hosting a special page entitled, Tales of a Traveling Genealogist. Check out the site to see what else is there.

Linda Allred Cooper is the Webmaster for the new site.

2002: The Year of Allred

The year 2002 is a big year for the Allred family and it will be a big year for two historical Allred Reunions.

250th Celebration

2002 is the 250th Anniversary of the Allred family settling in North Carolina. Solomon Allred received the first known American Allred land grant in 1752 for land located near today's Ramseur, Randolph County, North Carolina. To celebrate this anniversary, the East Coast Allreds are hosting an Allred Family 250th Anniversary Reunion in Randolph County, on the second weekend of September.

150th Celebration

2002 is also the 150th anniversary of the Allred family settling in Sanpete County, Utah. James Allred, after a 60-year journey from Randolph County to Utah, founded Spring City there. The Allred Family Organization will host a special 150th Anniversary Allred Reunion in Spring City the last weekend of June 2002.

Both reunion committees plan extra events and, of course, anniversary cake for these two historical anniversaries.

Attend a 2001 Reunion and Assist With Plans

During the 2001 reunions, additional arrangements for these two events will take place. Plan to attend the 2001 reunion closest to you. Also, details will be published in the AFO newsletter and will be available on the Web site. See pages 4 and 5 for details about these 2001 reunions and the other reunions taking place elsewhere in this country.

Few American families can take pride in a long and productive history that has paralleled the history of the United States. The year 2002 will offer you a better opportunity to get to know your amazing family.

www.allredfamily.org

Congratulations

Several Allred family members have reached milestone wedding anniversaries. Congratulations to the following couples:

Odene and Anita Pope Bailey, North Carolina, 68 years on January 14, 2001

John and Virginia Allred, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 60 years on February 8, 2001

Floyd and Joanne Allred, Lehi, Utah, 50 years on February 28, 2001.

Query

In the Allred surnames, I found Odessa Twilley. I am very interested in connecting with any Twilley/Twilley family member.

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Planning to Move?

If you plan to move, please notify the AFO. That way you will not miss an issue of the newsletter. We have several returned newsletters with no forwarding address. As soon as you know your new address, please send it to AFO Newsletter, P. O. Box 1044, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Don't Mail to Pacific Fulfillment

Please do not return any invoices or membership renewals to Pacific Fulfillment in California. The AFO is now handling all membership business at the North Carolina address above.

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Allred Family Cookbook

A great big thank you to everyone who has sent recipes for the Allred Family Cookbook! The current count is:

Bread	10
Salads	7
Appetizers	8
Meat/Main Dishes	42
Vegetable	23
Desserts	62
Drinks	6

Plus five funny ones that can't be categorized.

We can use a few more drink, vegetable and side dish recipes. Think about your favorites and send them. Plans are being made to have this cookbook ready to sell next year in honor of our two big 2002 Anniversary Celebration Reunions. See Page 1.

You can read more about the Allred Family Cookbook and updates on the two big anniversary reunions in future newsletters or by visiting the Allred Family Organization web site at www.allredfamily.org. Thanks for all your help.

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James T. S. Allred Biography

A biography of James Tillman Sanford Allred is available. He was a son of James and Elizabeth Warren Allred. He was a very early settler of Manti, Utah.

Copies are \$20 if picked up or \$25 if mailed.

The book is available from:

Sue Jensen Weeks or Neldon Jensen

1485 Alta Circle

427 East Center St

Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Spring City, UT 84662

801/364-0336

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James T.S., James, William, Thomas

Blount County, Alabama, Allred Cousins

by Rhonda Allred Rhodes
Warrior, Alabama

Rhonda, Harold, Hubert,
George H. Lemuel,
William, Thomas Jr.,
Thomas

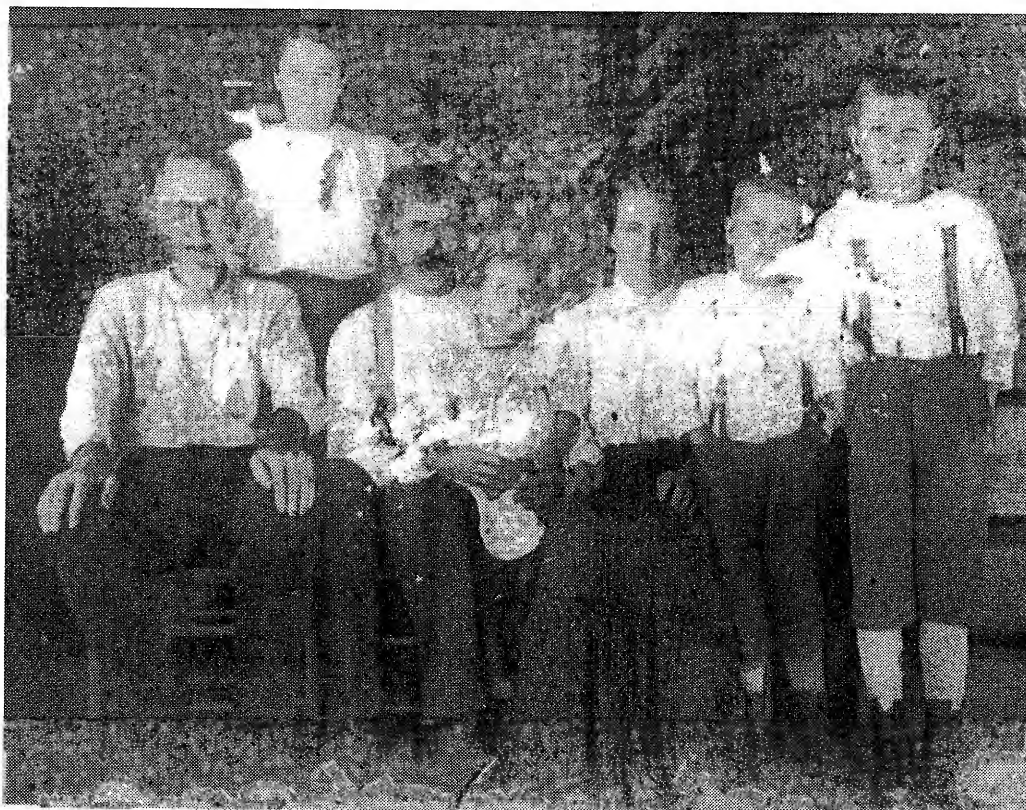
While searching the web one night, I came across the Allred Family Roster and submitted the name of my grandfather, Hubert Allred, for a search. I found a wonderful surprise.

My dad had a brother and a sister who died very young and I never knew them. My mother's mother died when she was four years old. As a result, my brother, sister and I had no one we could call aunt or uncle.

I am thrilled to know however, that we have a whole lot of cousins! A cousin in Georgia told a story about my grandfather Hubert Allred:

"I was told that the day Papa Allred was baptized, everyone held hands and followed Papa and the preacher into the creek. About the time the preacher dipped Papa, a fish swam up his pants leg. He let out a big sob and the preacher said come back here son and lets do it again. Papa thought it was a snake instead of a fish. He was terrified of snakes."

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This photo was taken before 1915 in Blount County, Alabama, of the family of George H. Allred. Shown are Lillie Arizona Allred Wade standing in the back. Left to right is a man believed to be Lemuel Allred, George H. Allred holding Delie Allred Hagland, Mattie Brown Allred, Hubert Allred and Lewis Allred.



Frank Allred and Gane Swann Allred. He was the son of Lemuel Allred and Nancy Ruth Self Allred. Frank died in 1935 when he was 58 years old.

It is Reunion Time 2001

All are welcome. For updates, see the Reunion Page at www.allredfamily.org

Hanceville, Alabama June 3

10:30 a.m.

Gather at the Moody Community Center in Hanceville. Bring a covered dish for the pot luck lunch. Also bring your family photos and mementoes to show off.

From Birmingham, take I-65 North to Exit 299 to Hanceville. Take US 31 North for a short distance and turn left at the funeral home in Hanceville. Moody Community Center is the next building on the left.

For more information, contact Martha Allred, 341 County Road 91, Rogersville, AL 35652

Afton, Wyoming June 22 and 23

Descendants of Nelson Calvert (1865-1929) and Sara Miranda Nelson Allred (1872-1942)

Canyon View Park, Afton, Wyoming, is the location for the reunion. On Friday evening, June 22, bring your supper. Saturday a pancake breakfast is provided. Enjoy a program with stories about ancestors. Lunch is hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Bring an item for the auction to cover reunion expenses.

Afton is located on U.S. Highway 89. If you are coming from north or south, turn east or toward the mountains on Second Street by the fire station. Go four blocks and turn left or north and you are in Canyon View Park.

For more information, contact Markeen and Winston Allred, 307/885-3385 or junco@silverstar.com.

An Exhibit Honoring the Pioneers who Founded and Settled Sanpete County, Utah

A special exhibit featuring the pioneers of Sanpete County, Utah, including James Allred who founded Spring City, opens Memorial Day and continues through October 13, 2001. The exhibit, sponsored by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, is at the History House, 402 North Main St., Manti, Utah. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Appointments on other days can be arranged by phoning Jane A. Braithwaite, 435/835-5841.

Spring City, Utah June 29 and 30

Old Spring City School

This is the major Allred Family Organization Reunion for 2001. See Page 5 for more details.

Uintah Mountains between Vernal and Flaming Gorge Dam July 13 and 14

Descendents of Luvie and Celestia Arvilla Allred Jacobson

This annual reunion is July 13 and 14 between Vernal, Utah, and Flaming Gorge Dam in the Uintah Mountains. There are spaces for camping for two nights and/or a motel in nearby Vernal.

The potluck lunch, raffle, prizes, activities for children begin officially at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Don't forget to bring your item to donate for the raffle.

For further information, contact Virginia Allred, 435/789-1240, or Jackie Loyola, 801/565-8330. (Arvilla, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas)

Randolph County, North Carolina September 8 and 9

The Allred family has been in Randolph County since the mid 1700's. Last year, more than 500 attended the reunion representing 18 different states. Many different branches of the family were also represented.

Reunion activities begin September 5 with trips planned to the Randolph Room, Seagrove Potteries and the North Carolina Archives on Wednesday.

day, Thursday and Friday. Saturday, September 8, the all day reunion begins at 10 a.m. On Sunday, September 9, an all day tour of Allred sites in Randolph County is planned.

The nearest airports to Randolph County are RDU in Raleigh and Greensboro.

For further information, contact Linda Allred Cooper, 919/542-3077, or lacooper@mindspring.com.

The East Coast Allreds plan to attend the reunions in Spring City, Utah, and Keller, Texas. You are invited to join the fun! Each trip includes sight seeing time and tours of local Allred sites. For more information or to reserve your seat on the van, contact Linda A. Cooper at 919/542-3077 or lacooper@mindspring.com or check the Allred Family Web site.

Keller, Texas October 6 and 7

Descendants of Calvin 1871-1951 and Ellena Allred Rowland (1882-1973)

The first two reunions were held in Calvin and Ellena's hometown of Quanah, Texas. Ellena descended from the "original" Thomas who first appeared in North Carolina land records in 1755.

This reunion is growing and it is now more centrally located. Keller is located 30 miles north of Fort Worth on Highway 377. DFW International Airport is a 20 minute drive from the reunion site.

For further information, contact Mirion Cloud, 817/892-5817, or skipcloud@prodigy.net

Allred Family Organization Reunion 2001

The Spring City, Utah, reunion has been designated as the official AFO reunion for 2001.

The two-day reunion begins, Friday, June 29, 2 p.m., when we leave from the old school and drive south to Manti to view the historical exhibit on Sanpete County that includes James Allred, Spring City founder. From 6 p.m. until dark, everyone is welcome to gather around a bon fire and enjoy hot dogs and marshmallows. The fire pit is located on the grounds of the old school.

Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m., is the official start of the reunion. Activities for children, historical presentations and updates, lunch, displays, auction and raffle are scheduled.

Spring City is located in Sanepete County in the center of Utah. It is a two-hour drive south from



Spring City Public School. Built 1899. Now a community center.

Salt Lake City. It is very easy to find. Take I-15 South to 89 South. You go through Spanish Fork, Fairview and Mt. Pleasant. Just after Mt. Pleasant, take the Spring City exit and follow the signs to the old Spring City School, now a community gathering place.

For further information, contact Larry Allred, 801/451-2742 or lcallred@quixnet.net.

President's Message

We are fast approaching the busy summer season with all the fun family activities and reunions that are planned. On the opposite page you'll find a list of various Allred Reunions that are taking place all over the country.

Although each of these smaller reunions advertise they are for the descendants of a specific branch of the family, all of us are invited to attend and join in the fun. So pick the one nearest you and have a great time meeting and getting to know all your new cousins!

For the AFO Annual Reunion Spring City, plans are finalized and it promises to be bigger and better than ever! This year the schedule includes special presentations. Dawnell Griffin will give an update on our British connection; Alice Allred Pottmyer will give a presentation on the more than 60 year Allred journey from Randolph County, North Carolina. There will be maps and land grants to view. Kaye Watson, historian and editor, will give a presentation on the history of Spring City.

We are proud to announce that the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) are hosting a special tribute to the pioneers who founded and settled Sanpete County. This includes James Allred who founded Spring City. This special exhibit will feature artifacts, photos and some of the personal belongings of James Allred. The collection is housed at the Manti History House in downtown Manti, approximately 12 miles south of Spring City. A special trip to visit this exhibit has been planned as an added feature of our AFO Reunion.

I'll close by letting you know that I am working on a special project on the family histories of some of our Utah Allred ancestors to be included in our new Rocky Mountain Allred section of the new AFO Web site, www.allredfamily.org. If you would like to assist with this project, or have photos, stories, or information that you would like to contribute, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the AFO reunion June 29 and 30.

Your cousin,

Larry C. Allred

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Grandma Etta, the “Faker” and Egg Gravy

by Dana Foster Waters
Burlington, Iowa

Etta was a “double” Allred: Etta, Renne, Mahlon, Patience, Catherine, John
and Etta, Renne, Mahlon, William, William

This is a story my mother always told me about her grandmother, Etta Grace Allred Noel (1885-1956). Etta’s father was the Reverend Renne Julian Allred from Wayland, Iowa.

After the death of her husband, Claude Bert Noel, Sr., Etta moved into the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Ray Schach. My mother was in grade school at the time and the baby of the family, therefore, from what I can gather, she was spoiled rotten and acted like it.

Since my grandma Betty worked, Etta was at home during the day. My mom hated school and could make herself sick enough to convince the nurses at school to send her home. There my great-grandma Etta would make an old family recipe called egg gravy and they would play gin rummy and eat the egg gravy.

My mother’s (Connie Schach) oldest sister, Sharon, would get so mad because she knew that my mother was faking the sickness. She would get pulled from class to walk the little “faker” home from school, then she would have to go back to school for the rest of the day while mom sat home with grandma.

To this day, my mom has the fondest and happiest memories of her time with grandma Etta. Although she never says much, I know that Grandma Etta’s passing had to affect her deeply knowing the bond they must have shared. I never got to meet Etta, but I am following the family tradition by now making egg gravy for my family, playing gin rummy at family gatherings and searching the archives (also known as the Internet) for my heritage. Her daughter, Betty (my grandmother) continued the legacy of love and kindness, but that’s another story.

Thank you for letting me share one of the few cherished memories of my Allred connection.
Your Cousin,
Dana Foster Waters

Sergeant William F. Allred, CSA

William, Claiborne, John, William

Sergeant William F. Allred served as a Confederate soldier in Company I, 22nd Regiment, North Carolina Troops during the War Between the States. He enlisted in the CSA at the beginning of the war on June 5, 1861. He was 23 years old and was mustered in as a private. William was wounded at Frayser’s Farm, Virginia, on June 30, 1862, during the Battle of Seven Pines. He was reported “absent but wounded” through September 1862. He returned to duty and eventually was promoted to sergeant in November 1864. He was present at Appomattox Court House on that historic day, April 9, 1865, when General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army. Only 111 members of his regiment remained out of the thousands who joined a few short years before. William was paroled that same day after watching General Lee ride his beloved horse, Traveler, down the road lined with mourning and defeated Confederate soliders.

William returned home to Randolph County and married Martitia “Malsey” Craven on April 8, 1867. They raised eight children William, Walter, Maggie, Carrie, Affie, Orpha, Ida and Millard.
Submitted by Linda Allred Cooper.

Missouri Land owned by Isaac Allred in the 1830s

Isaac, William, Thomas

Isaac Allred and his wife, Mary Calvert Allred, purchased land in Monroe County, Missouri, from Ezekiel and Polly Ivie Billington. Polly was the daughter of Isaac's older sister, Sarah. This photo shows the northern border of the property.

The bottom photo shows the western border of the property described as "the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 54 North, Range 8 West" consisting of 75 acres.

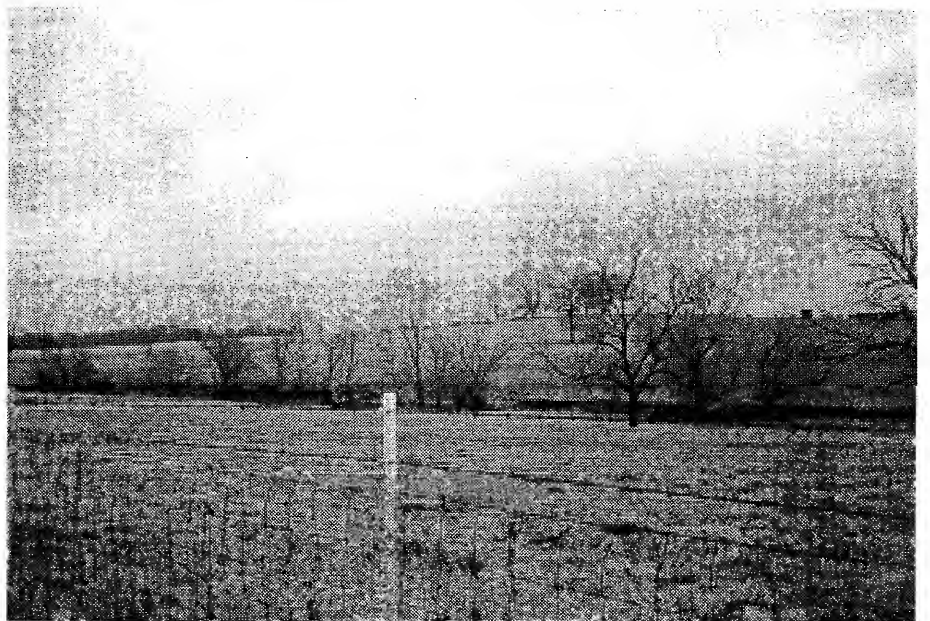
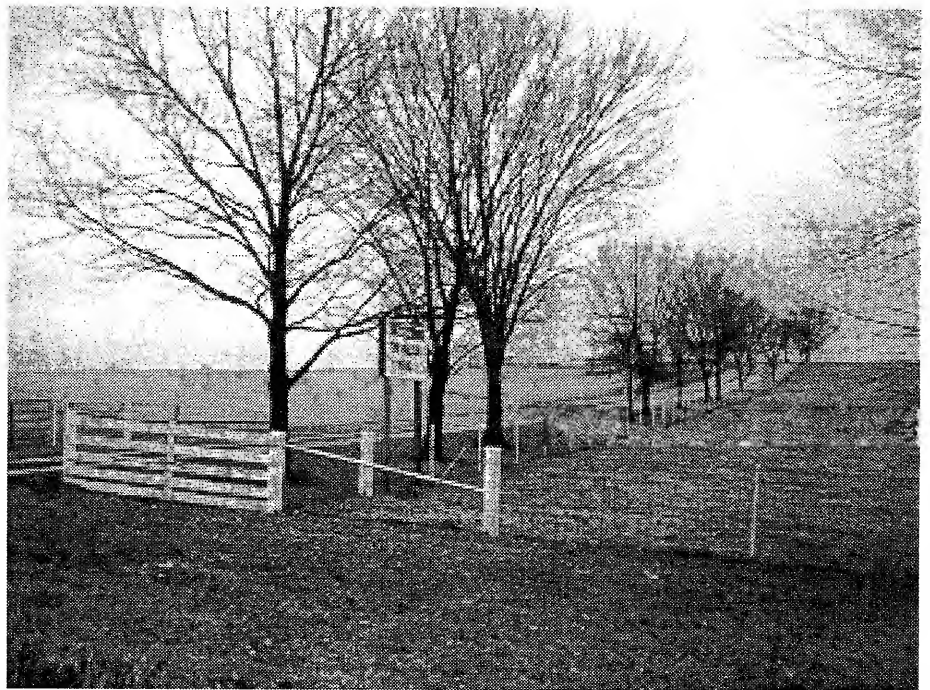
The property is located on the corner of Road E and Route 154, just south of Florida, Missouri, and not far from Mark Twain State Park.

The branch of the Salt River, mentioned in the journal of William Moore Allred, is just west of the property, maybe a mile or less. It now is part of Mark Twain Lake.

The photos were taken February 20, 1998, by Teri Cochran Allred.

Monroe and Ralls Counties were the areas in Missouri where the families of Isaac and his older brother, James, lived. William Allred left Randolph County in 1787. The family moved to South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee where William died about 1824. From Tennessee, James and Isaac moved to Missouri and eventually to Utah.

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Monroe County

St. Louis

Missouri

Wilson Allred Cowboy and Businessman

by Sara Allred Watson
Spring City, Utah

Sara, Eugene, Wilson, Wilson Monroe, William Hackley, James, William, Thomas

Wilson Allred was the first child born in the remote Rabbit Valley, today known as Loa, located in Wayne County, Utah. His father and mother, Wilson Monroe Allred and Elizabeth Ann Ivie, were brand new settlers in the area. Wilson, their first child, was born November 26, 1876.

At the time Wilson was born, the young family had been in Rabbit Valley for only a few months. Earlier in the year, his parents had followed their uncle, Andrew Jackson Allred, who was sent to create a settlement there. However, by 1878, Wilson Monroe and Elizabeth moved seventy-five miles north, back to their extended families in Spring City, the town founded by Wilson Monroe's grandparents, James and Elizabeth.

When he was a very young teenager, Wilson, accompanied by his younger brother, Birten, left Spring City forever. They traveled around, hiring out as cowboys to whatever ranches they happened

across. After several years of roaming through southeastern Utah they ended up in Moab. The Johnson family, early settlers of Moab, had a ranch just outside of town. More importantly, they had two lovely daughters, Laura and Anna. Wilson and Mary Laura Johnson met at a dance and were married January 18, 1899. Laura's uncle, D.A. Johnson, performed the marriage ceremony and a wedding dance followed attended by the huge, extended Johnson family. Two years later, Birten married Anna. The two couples remained close all their lives. Several years later, when Wilson and Laura moved south to Monticello, Laura missed her sister and family very much and always thought of Moab as her true home.

Wilson, who remained a cowboy at heart all his life, was employed by Carpenter and Cunningham as a foreman on their LaSal cattle ranch. Wilson and Laura spent the early years of their marriage at the ranch. Their first two children, Horace and Ila, were born there.

After the children started coming, the little family moved into town. They bought a home and some farmland in Moab. Here, they raised corn, hay, had a large garden and some fruit trees. There was a spring on the hillside of their property that supplied water for their household and irrigation water for their garden and trees.

Four more children were born to the family in Moab: Eugene, Julia, Carl and Page.

In 1910, Wilson and Birt embarked on a commercial freight hauling enterprise known as Allred Transportation Company. Their lucky break was landing a mail and freight contract. At first, horses, buggies and wagons were used to haul the loads from the Denver and Rio Grande Railway at Thompson Springs. Relay stations were established along the route. Keeping the freight moving was very difficult. The roads could barely be classified as roads. There were frequent heavy rains and floods, which washed out the roads, and sand storms that hindered travel. They hauled the



Laura and Wilson Allred on their wedding day, January 18, 1899.

Wilson Allred at a July 4 celebration, Monticello, Utah, before 1920. He was driving a mixed team of horses and an ox.



freight in areas such as Court House Wash, which is now part of Arches National Park. It was rough and dangerous territory. Until 1912, they had to ferry the freight across the Colorado River. After that, they had the beautiful Dewey Bridge to cross.

The Allred Transportation Company was so successful that, in addition to the Thompson to Moab route, the brothers were awarded the contract from Moab south to Monticello. This route required one relay station at Looking Glass Rock. They also supplemented the horses, buggies and wagons with two Rambler automobiles.

The Allred Brothers sold their stage lines in 1917. In the spring of 1918, Wilson and Laura moved to Monticello. They bought a home and 60 acres of land. Wilson began dry farming west of town. He also had a large herd of cattle and raised crops necessary to keep the livestock. Laura sold milk, eggs and butter in town to supplement the family income. She raised a large garden and canned the food necessary to keep a growing family. East of the house, she also had a large flower garden in order to supply flowers for weddings and funerals. South of the house was an orchard which kept the family in fruit during the long Monticello winters. West of the house was an icehouse. The ice was kept all summer. Laura could always be depended upon to have homemade ice cream for all-important occasions. With the addition of chickens and pigs, the family always had plenty of good and nourishing food. Laura was a famous cook and Wilson was known as a hard-working man, a good provider for his family.

The children grew, married and settled close to their parents. On Christmas Day, the whole clan would gather at the family home. While Laura cooked the big turkey dinner, Wilson would hitch up

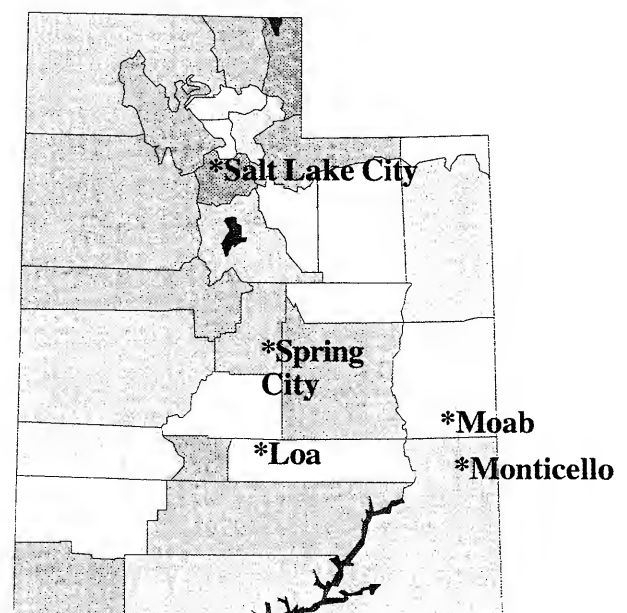
his famous team of horses to the sleigh and drive around collecting all the children and grandchildren. What wonderful memories exist of those times.

While hauling a huge load of hay, in the summer of 1944, Wilson suffered a tragic accident. A sudden lurch of the horses caused him to tumble from the top of the load. He died a few days later.

None of the sons were interested in farming. They went into other endeavors, so Laura sold the livestock and, over the years, sold most of the farmland. She stayed on at the homestead, kept a few cows and continued to sell milk and butter that she carried to town every day.

Wilson Allred was a taciturn man with an unassailable reputation for honesty and integrity. He was a man of honor.

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Arkansas Letters

This is from one of our Allred mystery lines. This letter is owned by Doris Oler, Arlington, Texas. Doris is the Great Great Granddaughter of Mary Ann Allred and her first husband, Jesse Hodges.

Mary Ann Allred was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Allred who lived in Princeton, Arkansas, in the mid-1800's. Doris has not been able to figure out who Thomas's parents were or where he was originally from. Mary Ann's husband, Jesse Hodges, died in the early 1850's. After Jesse's death, Mary Ann married a second time to her deceased sister's (Margaret Ann) husband, Duncan Calhoun.

If anyone has any information on this family, please contact Doris Oler, StanDorisO@aol.com or Linda Allred Cooper, lacooper@mindspring.com.

Transcribed as written.

I mooved to town and stayed till the day after New Years day and mooved back. Duncan is still where he was when you was here and John and Elizabeth is living in one mile of Princeton and Duncan says he would like to come and see your country and see if you have ticks and flies for we have plenty here and worse than all we have the buffaloe nuts here this year though not so plenty as his we're in # graves. Duncan says to wright to him and wright if you have got to where there is no ticks and flies or nats for he is anxious to know. Polly Ann you said you had plenty of nieghbors such as bear and panthers and deer and such will there very good neighbors where meet is scarce though they don't soot you and you said your children had growed a heap and that Smith was nearly as big as Tom was last summer but you need not brag for if you could see John Dallas you would not brag no more for he is walking and talking and as bad for the titty as ever John Smith dare to be and is the worst spoilt child you ever saw and mother says she wants to see your children and hers and Williams and Uncle

Traver and Uncle Johns all together and she says for sis to have all her mothers cloth spun for when she gets there she has to live with her Peggy says to write to her whether the people make much cloth there or not and if you have got you any wheel or not and all about every thing you think she wants to know. Duncan got a letter from B. Z Crumly the 10th of Febr dated Dec the 18th which gave us great pleasure to hear from him and that is all that any of us have heard from him since he left and we all thought when he got to your house that you and him would write often but so it is he has forgotten us all since he found his sister but we will tell him all about it when his and James comes next July for we think he will bear good as his bond as he promised to come then and we ___ as can we think some of them wright tonight to some of us if they can't come to see us for we want to hear from them all. Peggy says that Wilson and Elizabeth might wright her a letter if none of the rest wont. We got a letter from Alabama the date Dec the 29th and the connection was all well them then children all wants to see your children the worst in the world for them is no children here for then to play with. We want Jesse to make all the corn he can this year for we will want corn when we get there and Oliver and James wishes they were there to see them young lambs sleep and play. Polly and you said that cotton was dear there well it is not so here but wool is 50cts per pound and hard to get at that. We want you to write as soon as you get this letter. Give our best love to all the connection as there is so many of them we can't mention all there names and tell them we want them to write to us. Sis Nancy says to sis and lisse (Lizzie?) that she has spun and made her three dresses since they was here but she wont make many more for want of cotton. We have only spun about forty yards since Christmas so we must stop writing soon as our paper is filled. So no more at present but remains yours untill death.

Farewell, Farewell

Thomas and Elizabeth Allred and all to Jesse E. and Mary Ann Hodges and all

Doris was not able to get a clear copy of a letter Margaret wrote to her family. This is a transcription of that letter:

To: Mr. Jesse E. Hodges
Quitman P O
Wood County, Texas

State of Arkansas, Dallas County

April 6, 1852

Dear Son and Daughter and family.

We this morning take pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know that we are all well and harty and we hope when these lines comes to hand they will find you all well and doing well.

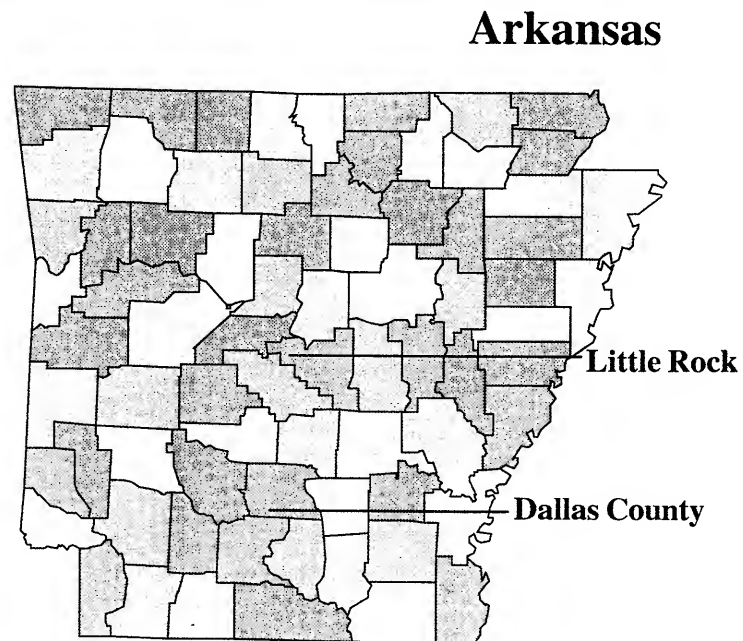
We rec. your letter last night Dated March the 14th which gave us great pleasure to hear from you all and that you was all well and well satisfied and we sat right down to answer this letter as we answered your other you wrote in december and you never got it. Times is hard here and provosions is scarce though I think the people can live, yet, we heard from John and Elizabeth yesterday and they was all well and we are at Duncan's a writing and they all are well and we all want to see you all worst in the world for we can't write you like we could talk to you but we will do the best we can.

You stated in your letter that you was in a fine country. We are glad to hear it for we was afraid you would not better yourself by mooving so far but while there is life there is hope. Polly Ann, your pap says if there is any good land close to Jesse for Jesse to improve him a place for he will come this fall at the risk of big guns. He says to get good land if there is no water on it but he would rather have a spring if you can get both together. He says he will try to sell his crop as soon as he lays it by and start to moove while the roads is good for he has a good waggon and team and William keeps

waggoning a little, yet they have made about two hundred and fifty dollars since you left with their waggons and we are not living at the Old man Honeycutt's place to make a crop. We be sure to write as soon as you get this letter as it is from all of us and we think the time to hear from you all again. I want brother John to write shore as he has been there long enough to know the price of everything.

Wrote by Margaret Ann Calhoun

Farewell, Farewell
Princeton, Ark
April 8



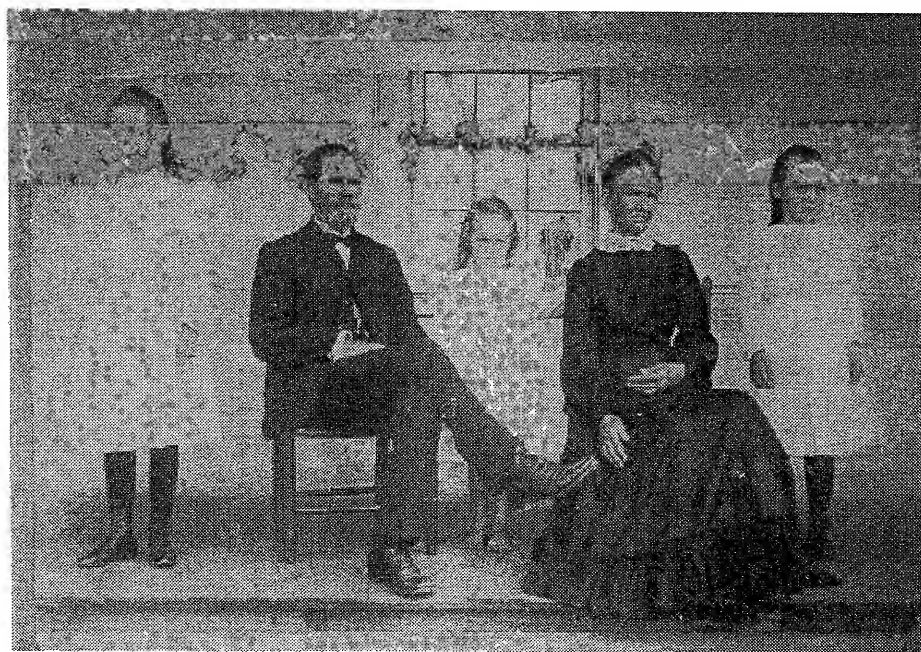
**Family of the Reverend Joseph
Franklin Allred
Franklinville, Randolph County,
North Carolina**



*Rodema Allred, daughter of Joseph Franklin Allred.
Photo about 1900.*



*Rev. Joseph Franklin Allred about 1900.
Joseph, Jonathan, Joseph, John*



*Rev. Joseph Franklin Allred,
his wife, Lorena Craven, and
three of their granddaughters.
Photo about 1900.*

All photos submitted by Rick
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A Story of Jessie Lane Allred

Jessie, John, Thomas

as remembered by Charles Clinton Allred, his great grandson

Jessie Lane Allred was born February 12, 1799. Probably he was born in Tennessee because the history of Centralia, Washington, calls him, "The man from Tennessee." Jessie had four sisters who were shown as numbers on the Kentucky or Tennessee 1810 Census in Russellville (Logan County), Kentucky. Other records show their names as:

Elizabeth Allred: born about 1801

Spouse: Daniel Redman, married April 12, 1823

Sarah Lane Allred: born about 1803, Logan County, Kentucky

Spouse: Jessie Harper, married August 8, 1832

Mary Allred: born about 1805, Logan County, Kentucky

Spouse: Thomas Smith, married May 20, 1835

Nancy Allred: born about 1808, Logan County, Kentucky

Spouse: Peter Fisher, married about 1822.

Jessie's father was John Allred, son of the "original" Thomas. Jessie and Margaret had their first child, Thomas, in 1824 in Kentucky. They had 11 more children in different states. Three or four eventually settled with them in Lewis County, Washington.

The family traveled Indian style, mother with child in her arms on the back of a horse that was pulling two poles with all their worldly goods tied on. They went to Illinois first and then westward to become among the first settlers in Missouri. Their baby, Isaac Washington Allred, was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, January 22, 1852. He was my grandfather. They then settled in Centralia, Lewis County, Washington.

Jessie Lane Allred has stories that should be told. There are two namesakes in Jessie's family: Redmond and Lane. There is a point in Virginia that pokes into the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. This point, part of Scott County, Virginia, contains two ridges named Lane Ridge and Redmond Ridge. Why? I would love to know if they were named after my family.

Hearsay Family Story

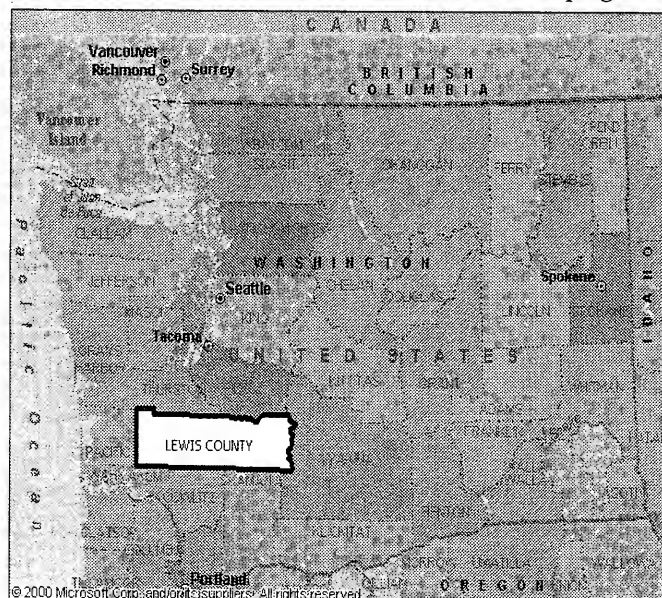
This is a story my Uncle Clyde Allred told me. Hearsay stories should be regarded as just stories.

This happened in Missouri, probably about 1835. The new settlers and the Indians did not mix well. The West was young and men were rough and sometimes thoughtless. Jessie must have been from Tennessee because he loved to fight. Wrestling was called fighting in those days. Grandmother Margaret Redmond Allred fixed a good dinner and called the boys to come and eat. They did not come. She went to see why. They were fighting (wrestling) and did not want to stop for dinner. It can be said, "They would rather fight than eat."

The Wrestling Match

One day down at the friendly tavern (about the only building in town), Jessie came in and saw an Indian. The Indian had created trouble in the settlement. The Indian drew a line across the bar room floor and challenged anyone to come and fight him and told them how he would kill them the way he had killed whites before. Nobody dared to do it without a gun and they did not want to be killed. The Indian stood here like Goliath taunting them and all of a sudden Jessie jumped across the line like a cat, disarmed him and wrestled him to the floor. Jessie caught him by the ears and stuck his thumbs into his eyes blinding him. The Indian didn't bother anyone else.

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Jessie Lane Allred

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Jessie went on living and raising a family, traveling and making new farms between Missouri, Texas, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas.

Joseph Smith, the Mormon Prophet, was said to be a very good wrestler and that very few men could pin him down. But there is said to be one that could beat him and that was Jessie Allred. My Great Grandfather was Jessie Allred. I do not know if this was the same Jessie that wrestled Smith, but it could have been. Jessie was about four years older than Smith and he seemed to be living near him at that time.

Before he left that area, Jessie "got religion" and wanted to make amends for past years. He looked up the Indian who eyes he put out. He found him in an Indian Village on the banks of the Missouri River. He asked the man to forgive him, but the man replied, "Me never forgive."

Details of how Jessie traveled to Washington State during the Civil War are sketchy. It appears he and his family left Illinois in a covered wagon pulled by an ox team. My grandfather, Isaac Washington Allred, was about 10 years old. He walked all the way in 1862 and arrived in Lewis County, Washington. The family is on the census for the Washington Territory in 1865.

My grandfather, Isaac, was the last child of Jessie. He told me how they caught cat fish as they traveled by the rivers. As soon the camp was set, he and his older brother, Jasper, would set a line and bait the hook and throw it into the river. They had the line attached to a bell that would ring if something took the

bait. One time they caught a fish so large it took two of them to lift it. They got a pole and stuck it through the gills to carry it back to camp.

Jessie and his family fell in with a band of Missourians headed for Washington Territory. They were about a day out of Salt Lake City when they camped for the night. In the morning, they noticed their oxen were missing and went to look for them.

Jessie's brother, Solomon, decided to go to Salt Lake City and ask about the oxen. Sure enough, someone told him that he had seen some oxen in a pen. Solomon went to the house where the pen was located and thanked the lady of the house for keeping his oxen. "Your oxen! My husband just bought them!" she said. Solomon said, "I'm sorry, but I need these oxen to pull my wagon," and he took them. As he was leaving, she said "I'll have my husband after you!"

Needless to say, the Allreds were quickly on their way. Solomon's family went to Eastern Oregon for a couple of years where they were involved in gold mining before they moved on to Centralia, Lewis County, Washington.

Jessie's family went to Marysville, California, and then traveled up the Pacific Coast into Oregon and finally into Washington Territory. Many of the details and stories are lost in time. I believe in life after death. I am sure that when we pass into the next dimension, stories will be told so we will know the truth in all things.

Charles C. Allred (age 76)

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Charles, Carl, Isaac, Jessie, John, Thomas

A Letter from Charles

In 1944 during World War II, I was given an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy because of a cancer on my left eye (a melanotic scarcoma). I decided to take a little time and look for my roots. I hitchhiked a ride on an old mail truck out of Livingston, Tennessee. I rode into the country near Allred, Tennessee. Gas was rationed and the truck went within three or four miles of Allred. I had to walk the rest of the way on an old dusty road. People would say "hi" to me as I walked. One person even gave me something to eat.

I came to Allred and found a log cabin store operated by Tim Allred and his wife. They asked me to stay the night. I had a nice visit with them and they gave me a real southern dinner. She was a good cook! They told me about a cemetery where Allreds were buried. I copied the dates and inscriptions on the stones. About 52 people were buried there. I sent this information to Archibald Bennett whose mother was an Allred. They were published in his book with R. C. Allred on Allreds in America.

Charles C. Allred

Lakewood, Washington

New Research Coordinator Position Created

After much discussion about needs for Allred family research coordination, the AFO Board has created a new Research Coordinator position on the Board of Directors. James V. Allred, Reston, Virginia, was voted the chairman of the new Research Coordinator Committee.

In the past, the AFO Board members collected all of the Allred family history information, photos, family trees, etc. that were sent to them. No one had a real specific plan on how to store this research or make it easily available for members to use. A lot of the information was forwarded to Dawnell Griffin who faithfully organized it and stored it in her wonderful home library/office. She used much of that information to help create some of the research reports she has published in this newsletter. But, unless you lived near her home in Fairview, Utah, you really had no easy access to the information. You couldn't just drop by to borrow or view a file.

Because Dawnell receives an unbelievable amount of requests for information each day, she simply has not had the time to answer everyone's request which has caused some problems. She's has done as much as possible, but wasn't able to do it all.

Other members, Larry Allred, Sharon Jessop, Gary Allred, Linda Cooper and Lynn Looper Seesock, also collected a lot of the information. But, again, unless you lived near one of them and knew to contact them, members really didn't have easy access to the information. It also seems that no one had any idea what the other person had collected.

The new Research Coordinator, Jim Allred, will be contacting everyone mentioned above - and more - to find out what everyone has already collected and arranging to get copies of that material. He will be working to organize everything, and make copies of everything so we (the AFO) can place it in four very specific places so everyone will be able to access the info.

Databases will be created from the material and placed in:

1. The National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. The Randolph Room, Randolph County, North Carolina, Genealogy Library
3. The Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah
4. National Genealogical Society, Washington, D. C.

Linda Allred Cooper is also working to put as much information as possible on our newly reorganized AFO Web site: www.allredfamily.org.

Jim is looking for volunteers willing to be a part of this new committee. Volunteers will work with him to contact AFO members, help collect the material, help organize it, make copies and place it in the libraries mentioned above. It doesn't matter where you live, AFO members are scattered all across the United States. Anyone and everyone is welcome to be a member of this committee and involved in this new project.

To learn more about the new Research Coordinator position and committee, contact:

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Elisha Allred (1829-1899), Cedar Falls, Randolph County, North Carolina. He married Mary Siler and they had a family of six children including Dennis Monroe Allred who is pictured on the next page.

Elisha, "Tennessee" John, John, William and Elisha, Mary "Polly," Barbara, John



Zebedee Wiseman Wilson (1823-1862) and his wife, Sophroia Elizabeth Bracken Wilson (1828-1916). Zebedee, Margaret, Jonathan, John

Photos contributed by Nellie Wilson, Sikeston, Missouri

Wedding Day About 1892 in North Carolina



Wedding picture of Dennis Monroe Allred (1872-1934) and Annie Jennings (1872-1929) about 1892. Dennis and Annie lived in the Cedar Falls community in Randolph County. Their son, James Raymond Allred, founded the Allred Family Reunion in Randolph County during the 1920s. Some of their grandchildren are founding members of the East Coast Allreds: James Eugene Allred, Franklin Allred, Wallace Allred and Lonnie Allred. They and many more of their grandchildren are active members of the ECA today. For more information on Dennis Monroe Allred and his family, visit the new AFO Web site at www.allredfamily.org.

Dennis was a "double" Allred. His family lines are: Dennis, Elisha, "Tennessee" John, John, William and Dennis, Elisha, Mary "Polly," Barbara, John.

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Aloha! Dallas Williams, a descendant of the "original" William, lives in Kaneohe, Hawaii. This picture was taken at his home in 1998. Pictured here are Mori, wife of Dallas, Dallas, and his son, Roger. In front are his grandson, Adam Lee, daughter-in-law, Donna Lei, and grandchildren Amanda and Alexander Lee Williams.

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